

The Momentous Impact of Indigenous Languages on Indigenous Research



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01 Abstract

Indigenous Methodology concepts has given innovative contribution to the research Indigenous peoples as an entirety. Native languages spoken by indigenous tribes and its community is precious as it's rooted from their cultures histories. It brings connection within communities and embodies a unique worldview to form a cultural framework that includes various practices. This research is to further fulfill how scarce indigenous spoken languages are and the impactful power it can have when used in research.

02 Introduction

Language is a powerful source of communicative means for expression among indigenous people. This shapes cultural values that are withheld creating strong connections. The usage of language is a way of reclamation of identity which can challenge Western colonization with the use of culture as a way of life. Past initiated offenses towards indigenous language may have resulted in native communities to become closed off from outside research. Maintaining an equilibrium with participants is crucial for ensuring reliable results, stability, while minimizing bias.

03 Methods

The Six R's in Indigenous Methodology:

- Respect
- Reverence
- Reciprocity
- Responsibility
- Reason
- Relationship

Terms that are able to give reason and privilege to indigenous spoken languages which spotlight tradition over colonial methods. This ensures and creates culturally bounded research.

04 Discussion

Indigenous languages have been seen to be lost in translation or faced exploitation from research but it has provided impactful insight among present day research. In Indigenous Methodologies by Kovach, she had quoted "*colonial interruptions of Indigenous culture continue, and there is no way to address tribal epistemologies and Indigenous research frameworks without considering these relations.*" (Chapter 4) She addresses how there are misconceptions that can't go unnoticed which shows how much of an impact language usage has on interpreting culturally valued information that is knowledgeably relevant.

Language is rooted from history, rooting from culture.

"Humi paasa" is cornfield in the Hopi language.

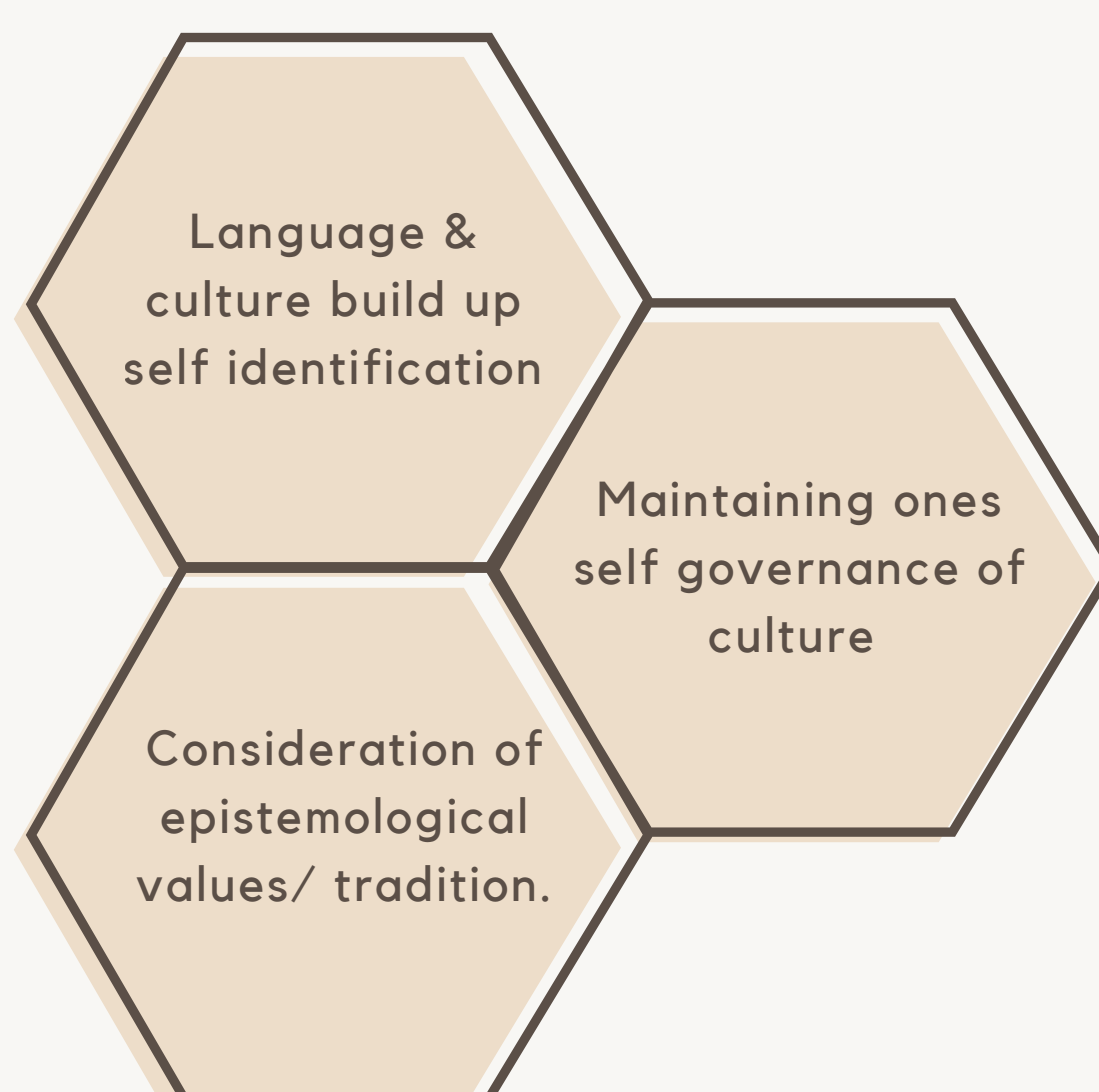
Symbolism is a historical commutative method used by indigenous tribes which brings me back to the Hopi tribe where I grew up, while in terms of our presently spoken Hopi language. Corn is a foundational element of our lives and provides a symbiotic connection to the land where we reside. The growth of corn gives metaphorical teaching as the seeds are planted in the fields it shows the start of a new season.

Providing anecdotes are able to further academic indigenous research and animate epistemologies giving clear, visual understanding. This provides a crossing path for both ends of understanding, meeting in the middle.



05 Findings

As for a result within this research indigenous language as a whole significantly improves the richness of data outcomes. Direct communication with participants allows research to become much more descriptive and actualized. Research can become real as indigenous languages carry emotional aspects that are more authenticated, using native vocabulary as a descriptor. Providing an insiders perspective allows for a raw, contextualized interactive research. The usage of quotes within research in native language can allow improvement of depth and validity, maintaining a trusting research.



06 Conclusion

The usage of language gives recognition of cultural identity and the active restoration of tradition despite past lingering effects of colonial history. Asserting indigenous language with past colonial history gives recognition that language is not merely just for communication but cultural self identification. The importance of recognizing these factors within indigenous methodologies is a mere outlook to the imposition of a more dominant language used to solidify power making indigenous language out to be inferior. Continuous movements of empowerment among communities to further oral tradition understandings and allowing these cultural aspects to be shared with outside sources show a developed trust and connection. These core values allow for a clear research to be maintained that is valued by the community being presented, giving reciprocated respect.

Research Literature:

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